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Applicant: Akira Misawa, et al.

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Title: OVPN SYSTEM, OVPN TERMINATING DEVICE,

COLLECTIVE CONTROLLING DEVICE, AND OPTICAL

COMMUNICATION NETWORK

Attorney Docket: 5259-000037/US

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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed <u>August 4, 2009</u>, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 31 of this paper.